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In The Claims

1. (cancelled)

2. (original) In combination,

a hub;

a needle secured to and extending from said hub;

a needle guard removably mounted on said hub, said needle guard having a first lock having a first aperture receiving said needle and a second lock in spaced relation to said first lock and having a plurality of cutouts defining a second aperture receiving said needle; and

said needle having an enlarged portion at an end thereof for passage through said second aperture of said second lock while flexing said cutouts toward said first lock in response to a withdrawal movement of said needle through said second lock and being of greater radial extent than said aperture of said first lock for abutting against said first lock in response to said withdrawal movement of said needle relative to said needle guard whereby upon withdrawal of said needle from said second lock, said cutouts move inwardly to block a return movement of said needle through said second lock.

3. (original) The combination as set forth in claim 2 further comprising a spring clip mounted in said needle guard and having each of said first lock and said second lock integral therewith.

4. (currently amended) In combination,

a hub;

a needle secured to and extending from said hub and having an enlarged portion at an end thereof;

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a housing of cylindrical shape removably mounted on said hub, said housing having a first lock having a first aperture receiving said needle and a second aperture receiving said needle, said first aperture being of a size smaller than said enlarged portion of said needle to prevent passage therethrough and said second aperture being of a size larger than said enlarged portion to permit passage therethrough; and

a spring clip of circular shape having a section disposed in said housing for movement between a stressed state against said needle to allow withdrawal of said needle through said second aperture and an unstressed state in the path of said needle after withdrawal of said needle thereby to block a return passage of said needle through said second aperture.